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Title: SPUTTERING CHAMBER LINER

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant's representatives would like to thank Examiner Band and Examiner Mills for extending them the courtesy of an in-person interview on February 7th, 2008 to discuss this case. The following recordation of the substance of the interview is believed to be complete and proper, in accordance with MPEP 713.04. It is requested that the Examiner notify the undersigned if the Examiner believes this Statement contains any inaccuracies or if the Examiner believes this Statement is otherwise not complete and proper.

Interview participants: (1) Examiner Michael Band; (2) Examiner Greg Mills, (3) Applicant's attorney, John Dolan; and (4) Applicant's attorney, Kara Fairbairn.

Claims 1-43 were discussed during the interview.

The following was discussed: (1) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0015855, (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,659,331, (3) Japanese Patent No. 1106049, (4) Japanese Patent No. 62202075, and (5) U.S. Patent No. 4,414,786.

No agreement was reached during the interview.

Counsel discussed amending claim 1 to specify that the liner is non-rigid.

The general thrust of the arguments made during the interview was that Sajoto fails to disclose providing a removable liner in a sputtering chamber and Thach fails to disclose any material, whether it be a removable liner or other material, that is non-rigid. Examples in Applicant's specification were discussed such as pliant, soft, and non-rigid liners.

No exhibit was shown, and no demonstration was conducted, during the interview.

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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